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Inmate Death at FTC Oklahoma City

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, inmate Armando Velasquez, tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Transfer Center (FTC) Oklahoma City in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On the same day, he was evaluated by institutional medical staff and subsequently transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to decreased oxygen levels. On Sunday, December 13, 2020, Mr. Velasquez, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Velasquez was a 70-year-old male who was sentenced in the Central District of California to a 48-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine and Heroin. He had been in custody at FTC Oklahoma since September 11, 2020.

FTC Oklahoma City is an administrative facility that currently houses 993 male and female offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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